



DATE: May 11, 1983

TO: Division File

FROM: Diane M. Spencer *DMS*

SUBJECT: Madison County - LPC 11904007 - Granite City/Taracorp

On May 2, 1983, a meeting was held in the Springfield main office with Bob Sharpe, APC Enforcement, Tom Bierma, APC, Monte Nienkerk, Ken Mensing, Perry Mann, and Diane Spencer of LPC in attendance. Today's meeting precipitated as an aftermath of a meeting conducted on April 28, 1983 in the Director's Office. The details of that meeting are unknown to this author.

The following information was relayed by Bob Sharpe. During the fall months, a workman's compensation claim was filed at Taracorp. The incident dealt with drums of green, gummy, caustic located atop the waste pile. The amount of drum contents, location, and approximate number was not given by Mr. Sharpe. He referred staff members of Land Pollution Control to Mr. Jim Stack of Battery Recyclers for additional information. Mr. Sharpe also referred to a potential arsenic waste located on the waste pile. He did not give any basis for his belief that a high amount of arsenic was present, although some amount is normally present in battery cases which make up the pile itself.

Mr. Sharpe expressed an urgency to sample the drums located on the waste pile. This office had not previously received any information regarding a caustic or arsenic waste, nor notification of the above mentioned complaint. Air Pollution personnel, specifically Mr. Sharpe, are working with attorneys representing Taracorp on the sampling requested. At this time, members of Land Pollution will not conduct any sampling until the legalities have been settled.

Additional wells are to be installed to monitor ground water around the area of the waste pile. Such wells are to be installed by the Agency's drill rig. Drilling will not take place until after additional equipment and repair are completed on the rig. This work will be completed in approximately 4-6 weeks. Carus Cartwright will aid in the placement of well location.

Notification of the waste pile as required under Superfund needs to be investigated. It has not been determined if National Lead, previous owners of the facility now known as Taracorp have notified. Mark Haney has completed his Superfund scoring of Taracorp.

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Bob Sharpe relayed that four facilities have been listed as cases in the Attorney General's office. These include Taracorp, Jim Stack Corp. (Battery Recyclers), Tri-City Trucking, and National Lead. Mr. Sharpe also stated that facility contact John Wentz has returned to the New Jersey office. Paul Moore is presently available at the facility.

Tom Bierma gave Southern LPC a copy of a lead pollution study for the Granite City area, which was completed in April 1983. No other information has been relayed, including any in-house meetings, since October of 1982.

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cc: Southern Region